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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF MATZOH IN USSR FOR PASSOVER

REFS: (A) STATE 35256 (B) LENINGARD 701

1. FOLLOWING UP ON FEB 28 CONVERSATION (REF A), SECRETARY VANCE AGAIN RAISED AVAILABILITY OF MATZOH FOR SOVIET JEWS DURING MARCH 16 CONVERSATION WITH DOBRYNIN. SECRETARY NOTED THAT ISSUE IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS GROUPS WHO HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN CONDEMNING VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK IN 1976.

2. SECRETARY SAID THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS' CONCERN ABOUT
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MATZOH AVAILABILITY IS NOT FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN MAJOR CITIES, WHERE REPORTS INDICATE MORE MATZOH IS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR THAN LAST YEAR. CONCERN IS FOR JEWS IN SMALLER TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS WHERE MATZOH IS SCARCE OR UNAVAILABLE. SECRETARY STRESSED THAT WE STILL HOPE POSTAL BAN WILL BE LIFTED OR REINTERPRETED TO PERMIT MAILING OF MATZOH PACKAGES.

3. DOBRYNIN'S RESPONSE WAS NONCOMMITTAL. VANCE

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